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There have been several reports of dead birds testing positive for West Nile Virus in Los Angeles and other southern California counties. This provides increased validation that the West Nile Virus is now endemic in the bird population in the County, and we must be particularly vigilant to prevent human cases of the virus this summer.

The County's Public Health Department has been preparing for this since the end of last summer and will be issuing a press release the first week of May to promote renewed attention to prevention. There has been collaboration with all of the mosquito and vector control districts on mosquito abatement and surveillance, and communications with physicians across the County to remind them to consider West Nile Virus as a diagnosis. The Department updated its West Nile information line (800-975-4448) and its web page (<http://lapublichealth.org>) and has publicized the hotlines for reporting dead birds.

The vector and mosquito control districts are organized and are also participating in creating awareness.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Directors of Health and Public Health to fully implement the Department of Health Services' planned West Nile Virus awareness and surveillance program by working cooperatively with the mosquito and vector control districts, the State and the Centers for Disease Control, and to provide monthly updates to the Board during this upcoming summer season.

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